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OGC HAS REVIEWED.

1 December 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Administration, DD/P
FROM : Office of General Counsel
SUBJECT : Sale of Personally Owned Household Effects to
U.S. Government

1. This will acknowledge receipt of a memorandum from the Chief
FE, dated 16 November 1953 which you forwarded to this office for
comment on the legality of the procedure proposed therein.

25X1A 2. The FE memorandum outlines the case of a [Redacted] who is
25X1A shortly to return to the United States and who has offered to sell
his household effects in [Redacted] to the Agency for \$700. The memoran-
dum reports the opinion of the Chief of Station that the price offered
by [Redacted] is an exceptionally good one, especially in view of
25X1A the fact that the Agency would otherwise be required to ship the
furniture back to the United States and purchase additional furniture
for the next occupant of [Redacted] quarters. You specifically
ask if there is any legal way to permit purchases of this kind.

25X1A 3. Although there may be said to be a Government policy against
engaging in purchases or sales from or to Government employees, there
is no legal objection to such transactions provided they are of a
normal "arms length" character. This office, therefore, perceives no
objection to the purchase of [Redacted] furniture by the Agency,
provided the price is in fact a good one, that the purchase is made
by the officials normally required to conduct such affairs and that
every effort is made to ensure adequate documentation and inclusion
in the property records of the Agency.

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